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LETTER DATED 7 JULY 1993 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ADDRESSED
TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I refer to my letter of 2 April 1993 (S/25516), by which I informed the Security Council about recent developments in the implementation of the provisions of the Peace Accords for El Salvador relating to the purification of the Armed Forces (see S/23501, annex, chap. I, sect. 3).

In that letter, I informed the Security Council that President Cristiani had agreed to a plan under which, at the latest by 30 June 1993, the last 15 high-ranking officers whose situation had not yet been regularized would be placed on leave with pay pending completion of the procedures for their retirement, which would take place not later than 31 December 1993. Under the plan, it was also agreed that, while on leave with pay, these 15 officers would not perform any official functions.

In my letter, I also stated that, when implemented, the above-mentioned arrangement would bring the Government of El Salvador into broad compliance with the Ad Hoc Commission's recommendations, although with a delay of several months in relation to the date established by the Accords.

Following publication of the General Order of 30 June 1993 by the High Command of the Armed Forces of El Salvador, ONUSAL has verified that the 15 officers have been placed on leave with pay, as envisaged in the plan presented by President Cristiani. I am therefore in a position to confirm that the Government of El Salvador has now taken the steps that it promised to comply with the Ad Hoc Commission's recommendations.

I would be grateful if you would bring this letter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(Signed) Boutros BOUTROS-GHALI
